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Art Unit: 2821

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese application has stated:

Japanese Utility Model Application Publication 2-123192

This discloses everything of the claims (1-13) except for:

- a circuit substrate mounting an antenna element thereon is deformable,
- a combination of a first antenna mounted on a ear pad part and a second antenna mounted on a headband, and
- a wireless communication module is mounted on a ear pad part.

Japanese Patent Application Publication 11-8893

This discloses a headphone which has more than two antenna units. Each antenna unit includes an antenna mounted on a flexible substrate.

Japanese Patent Application Publication 11-8894

This discloses a headphone which has a first antenna mounted on an ear pad part and a second antenna mounted on a radio receiver.

Japanese Patent Application Publication 8-125614

With regard to Japanese Patent Application 8-125614, it is pointed out that Figures 2 and 4 are different embodiments. Figure 2 shows merely an ear bud 43 with the antenna and module located at the top of the headband. Figure 4 is a completely different embodiment in which there is no headband but merely an ear piece with the antenna and the electronic

module mounted thereon. Figure 4 is thus similar in this respect to previously cited JP 200-112383.

An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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